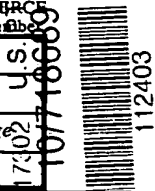


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	First Inventor	Niall Duffy
	Title	Apparatus and Method for Wire Exchange
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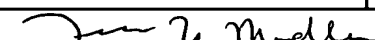
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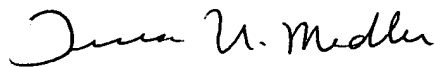
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